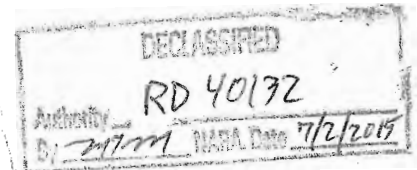
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Director, FBI (100-388202)

October 10, 1952

SAC, Detroit (100-20927)

CHRISTIAN ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, aka,  
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Rebulet to Detroit dated March 4, 1952.

I. ORIGIN OF THE CHRISTIAN ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

The records of the Wayne County Circuit Court Office, County Building, Detroit, Michigan, show that on October 1, 1951 the document entitled "Articles of Incorporation" of the Christian Anti-Defamation League was filed with the Michigan Corporation and Security Commission. The organization was incorporated as a non-profit religious organization with headquarters at 2111 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, Post Office Box 1116, Detroit, Michigan. The Articles of Incorporation stated that the organization would be financed by contributions, bequests, sale of printed matter, and subscriptions to any periodicals they may start.

II. SCOPE AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE CHRISTIAN ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

Confidential Detroit Informants, who would logically have knowledge of any subversive plan against affiliation or activities on the part of subject organization, advised that they are not familiar with subject organization.

III. OFFICERS

The Articles of Incorporation of subject organization listed the following as the board of directors and incorporators:

J. TIDESWELL, no address listed.

V. JONES, no address listed.

M. HAVEGON, no address listed.

Reverend Doctor LAWRENCE REILLY, 715 East Grand Boulevard,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Doctor REILLY is listed as the "resident Agent" of Subject organization.

The Detroit Office has no record identifiable with either TIDESWELL, JONES or HAVEGON.

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cc: 100-18540 (REVEREND LAWRENCE REILLY)

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DOCTOR LAWRENCE REILLY

August 28, 1946:

By report dated August 28, 1946 Confidential Informant BA-2 advised that the Lutheran Research Society headed by LAWRENCE REILLY was engaged in research work and was writing a book on the subject of Communism.

October 26, 1949:

By letter dated October 26, 1949 LAWRENCE REILLY, Director, Lutheran Research Society, Incorporated, 751 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan, informed the Director of the FBI that on October 25 and 26, 1949 he, REILLY, was contacted by an individual identifying himself as Mr. VICTOR who "was bitterly anti-Jewish, and eager to use force and violence, if necessary, to wrest control of the authority in the nation from the Jewish hands."

REILLY advised that this individual was soliciting his aid in attacking Communism. REILLY's letter states "I very plainly told him we were not interested in any plans which he proposed and that our policy of combating Communism was entirely the opposite of the methods which he would employ."

May 10, 1950:

On May 10, 1950 Doctor LAWRENCE REILLY corresponded with the Director, FBI, by letter which is in part as follows:

"Although there has been some delay in getting this to you, we finally have been able to arrange the necessary changes in the future edition of 'The Birth of A Science'. You will recall that we have been having a discussion of the references to the F.B.I. which are found in the first chapter of the book. We have had some correspondence on this in the past.

"I have done my best as a writer and investigator to ascertain the true facts which are described on pages 9 and 10 of 'The Birth of A Science' and it seems that there is a great conflict of opinion. As I have said before, I do not want anything to reflect against your organization or the work that your men are doing. Since I am convinced that the mention of the F.B.I. in the account that was given in our first printing is not essential to the telling of the events which happened in this book, I am omitting all reference to it and am enclosing a typed copy which is to be inserted in place of the book as it now stands."

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May 18, 1950:

On May 18, 1950 the Director, FBI, communicated with REILLY by letter which is in part as follows:

"Your letter dated May 10, 1950, with enclosure, has been received, and I wish to thank you for your action in taking steps to eliminate from future editions of your book 'The Birth of A Science', references to the FBI which appeared in the earlier edition.

"Since the book contained statements relating to the FBI which were totally erroneous, and since the FBI had no part in the activities related in the earlier edition, you can readily understand my interest in having the correction made."

IV. STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CHRISTIAN ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

Article one of the Articles of Incorporation of subject organization is as follows:

PURPOSE

To do everything within its legal power to prevent the defamation of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, His visible Christian Church on earth and his followers; and to extol his name and the moral precepts which are to be found in His inspired Word, the Holy Bible; to prevent the abuse, discrimination, and persecution of Christians. Also, to uphold our Constitutional Republican form of Government as that most consistent with Christian concepts of individual freedom, and under which the free preaching of Christ's Gospel is best protected.

The Articles of Incorporation of subject organization stated that it contemplated a continued existence for thirty years.

Inasmuch as there is no indication of Communist control or affiliation of subject organization this case is being closed.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Detroit

FROM : Director, FBI (100-388202)

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, aka  
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DATE: March 4, 1952

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The following information appeared on a mimeographed handout issued by the CA-DL. *S/C*

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cc: Newark

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6. To direct all our efforts for America first.

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THE CHRISTIAN ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE invites the cooperation and assistance of all patriotic Americans. *sf*

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